(iii) Central Pollution Control Board has adopted several measures like directing the industries through State Pollution Control Boards to limit the discharge of effluent within the stipulated standards, setting up of network of ambient water quality monitoring stations, initiation of scheme to give assistance to clusters of small scale industrial units for setting up common effluent treatment plants and taking up of quality scheme of monitoring in critically polluted areas.

Losses in Bihar due to Floods

†1367. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that thousand of people died every year due to floods in Bihar and thousand of acres of crops are desroyed;

(b) if so, whether Government are going to take any concrete steps to solve this problem;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Flood management is a State subject and schemes are planned and executed by the States as per their priorities out of their own plan funds allocated by the Planning Commission. Central government, as per existing procedure, provides technical advice and conducts appraisal of schemes when referred by the States for their clearance.

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Government of India had constituted several Commission/ Committee/Task Force/Expert Groups on Flood Management, whose recommendations have been sent to the State Governments including Bihar for its implementation.

For the severe flood prone basins of Ganga the Central Organisation, namely, Ganga Flood Control Commission, constituted in 1972, has prepared comprehensive plans for flood management for all the sub-basins of Ganga basin. The comprehensive plans of the sub-basins covering the flood prone areas of Bihar state have been sent to Bihar Government for formulating detailed schemes and their implementation.

Central Government is providing financial assistance to the Government of Bihar through Central schemes of "Flood Proofing Programme in North Bihar", "Flood Protection Works of Kosi river at the Indo-Nepal border" and "Raising and Strengthening of embankments along river Lalbakeya".

The Central Government is operating 157 Flood Forecasting Stations on inter-state rivers, of which 36 stations are in Bihar for providing timely flood forecasting services to the State Governments for mitigating flood damages.

(d) Does not arise.

Rain Water Management

†1368. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are some areas in the country where water from rains received is more than the requirement;

(b) if so, the details of such areas with its percentage of total land;

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